

HOUSE No. 2124

By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, petition of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to providing for an investigation and study by the Department of Public Health of the public accessibility of defibrillators. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Louis L. Kafka
William C. Galvin

Brian A. Joyce

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PUBLIC ACCESSIBILITY OF DEFIBRILLATORS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to
2 the contrary, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health
3 shall create a commission to study defibrillators and their accessi-
4 bility and availability to the general public in venues of greatest con-
5 venience and efficiency, including, but not limited to:— state police
6 cruisers, fire apparatus, and other public safety vehicles, MBTA
7 commuter trains, subway cars, and buses, steam ships and other
8 cruise ships, health clubs, and all state office buildings.

9 1.) The commission shall consider the cost of purchasing,
10 installing, and maintaining said defibrillators, public health risks, as
11 well as benefits, and other issues which may arrive during delibera-
12 tion.

13 2.) The commission may meet at a time and place, as determined
14 by the Commissioner. The commission shall issue a final report to
15 the Governor and Legislature no later than six months following its
16 final meeting and dissolution.